

# BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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## SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear B & M Fans:

The March meeting of the Society was attended by fifty members and guests who enjoyed an excellent slide program presented by Mr. Ralph Phillips. Mr. Brian Manning also showed some slides, these being shots of the Providence and Worcester Company before and after the recent takeover by the P&W.

The April meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 14, 1973. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Mr. Henry Marrec, who will show movies and slides from his extensive collection.

A slate of nominees for office will be presented by the nominating committee at this meeting. Please make a special effort to attend.

As all members of this Society are aware, we have experienced production problems with the Bulletin during the past few months. These problems and consequent delays in publication and mailing have been a source of embarrassment to the Society and all parties concerned. The present condition of our publication is unacceptable to the President and the Board of Directors as well as to the general membership. Accordingly, on March 18, 1973, the Board completely reorganized the Bulletin staff as follows: Managing editor, John C. Hutchins; Associate Editor, Kenneth E. Patton; Technical Editor, James T. Ickes; Roadway and Equipment, Carl R. Byron; News Editor, Wayne D. Hills; Historian, Stanley Y. Whitney; Circulation Manager, John A. McGaffigan; Production Adviser, Richard W. Symmes. The normal publication schedule will be resumed as soon as possible. In the meantime, we would appreciate your continued understanding and patience in this matter.



An ex-B&M railroad station is for sale in New Hampshire. Indeed, there is a chance that it may be destroyed. It was built in 1892 on the Merrimack River in Manchester, and has been used as a home since the 1920s. The walls are about two feet thick and support the tower which once housed the telegraph office and served as a lookout. There is a large stone fireplace, beautifully arched, and large arched windows. The building overlooks the railroad tracks which see the passage of a few daily freight trains. If you are interested in this property, call Mr. Wenners at 603-669-3970.

Best regards,

*David R. Squires*

David R. Squires, Secretary